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Dear Colleague/Michigan Regional Skills Alliance,

RE: 2007 Accelerated Health Care Training Initiative Request for Proposals

Due to the success of the 2005 and 2006 Accelerated Health Care Training Initiatives addressing the shortage of health care workers in nursing and the allied health fields, the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) and the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) are pleased to announce funding for 2007 Accelerated Health Care Training Initiative. DCH and DLEG continue to work collaboratively to address this challenge and invite our community partners to submit proposals for this initiative.

The application process requires collaboration between the applying publicly funded training institutions, local hospitals and the Michigan Regional Skills Alliances. Any of the collaborating partners may submit the proposal. Funds to implement accelerated health care training programs will be made available through a local public matching fund process.

In order to assist you, we will also be notifying eligible educational partners of this opportunity.

Proposals must be submitted by October 2, 2006. There will be an informational Webinar (see the enclosed instructions) on September 18, 2006, to provide you and your partners with information pertinent to this initiative.

Sincerely,

Janet Olszewski

Director, DCH

Robert W. Swanson, Director, DLEG

Enclosure